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Subsequent to receipt of the Advisory Action, on March 4, 1999, the undersigned conducted a telephone interview with SPE Examiner Daniel P. Stodola in which the proposed claim amendments and the references were again discussed.

During the course of the interview, it was pointed out that the proposed claim amendments do distinguish over the Shafito reference because Shafito has no "means for mounting said base on a vertical surface" as Shafito is intended to transport hangers and not to be mounted on any surface. Moreover, since Shafito is intended to sit upright, on a horizontal surface, there would be no reason to modify Shafito to include applicant's claimed inclined section because same would serve no purpose in the Shafito device.

In light of this, it was pointed out that by defining the mounting means as orienting the base vertically, the result would be to underscore applicant's claimed inclined section, which is lacking in Shafito, and which would have no utility in Shafito, if Shafito were modified, as previously proposed.

It is also noted that the inclined section is likewise lacking in Higby Patent No. 2,433,275.

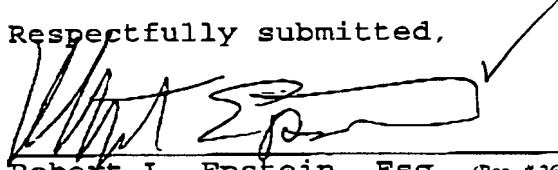
On the basis of the above, reconsideration of the amendments to claims 16, 20, 22 and 24 is respectfully requested.

Further, applicant requests a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of November 9, 1998 and authorizes the debiting of Deposit Account No. 10-0250 for the fees due for

same.

Please be so kind as to telephone the undersigned after review of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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